2007 Massachusetts **Schedule HC**Health Care

Instructions

Schedule HC

Health Care Information

As a result of the new health care reform law, most Massachusetts residents age 18 and over are required to have health insurance, if it is affordable for them. Those who cannot show that they had health insurance by December 31, 2007 may lose their personal exemption. Schedule HC, Health Care Information, must be completed by all full-year residents to determine the amount of their personal exemption. Schedule HC must also be completed by taxpayers who moved into Massachusetts on or before October 30, 2007 and were part-year residents as of December 31, 2007.

More information about the new health care reform law and how to purchase affordable health insurance is available at the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority's website at www.mahealthconnector.org.

If you have health insurance, you only need to complete page 1 of Schedule HC using the information from Form MA 1099-HC issued to you by your health insurance carrier. You should be issued Form MA 1099-HC no later than January 31. After completing page 1 of this schedule and entering your personal exemption amount on Form 1 or Form 1-NR/PY, you should continue completing your tax return.

If you do not have health insurance you must complete line 1 and the appropriate information on page 2 of Schedule HC.

Line 1. Health Insurance

If you (and/or your spouse if married filing a joint return) had health insurance as of December 31, 2007, fill in the Yes oval(s) in line 1 and complete lines 2 or 3, whichever is appropriate.

If you are filing a joint return, and one spouse answers Yes but the other answers No, the spouse who answers Yes must complete lines 2 or 3, whichever is appropriate, and the spouse who answers No must go to line 4a on page 2 of Schedule HC.

If you (and your spouse if married filing a joint return) do not have health insurance, fill in the No oval(s) in line 1 and go to line 4a on page 2 of Schedule HC.

Important Information for Late 2007 Applicants for Young Adult Plans, Commonwealth Care and MassHealth

If you were enrolled in a Young Adult Plan with coverage effective as of January 1, 2008, fill in the Yes oval(s) in line 1 and complete line 2. If you were enrolled in Commonwealth Care with coverage effective as of January 1, 2008, fill in the Yes oval(s) in line 1 and complete line 3a. If you applied for MassHealth in December 2007, fill in the Yes oval(s) in line 1 and complete line 3b.

Note: The Department of Revenue will verify whether you were ultimately found eligible for MassHealth. If you were found ineligible for MassHealth, your return will be adjusted without the benefit of your personal exemption and you will be billed accordingly.

Line 2. Private Health Insurance

If you (and/or your spouse if married filing a joint return) have health insurance from a private insurer, such as coverage provided by your employer or purchased on your own, complete Part(s) 1 and/or 2, using the information from Form MA 1099-HC, Individual Mandate Massachusetts Health Care Coverage. Form MA 1099-HC will be issued to you by your health insurance carrier, no later than January 31.

Note: Certain taxpayers may not have been issued Form MA 1099-HC, for example, a taxpayer with an out-of-state or out-of-country health insurance carrier. If you were not issued a Form MA 1099-HC by your health insurance carrier, only enter the name of your insurance company or administrator and subscriber/policy number, as shown on your insurance card, in line 2, Part(s) 1 and/or 2. Also, be sure to fill in the oval(s). If your health insurance carrier is located in Massachusetts and you did not receive Form MA 1099-HC or you lost Form MA 1099-HC, contact the Customer Service Department of your insurance carrier to obtain the necessary information.

Coverage provided by government programs, such as Medicare, is not considered private health insurance.

Note: Your spouse's subscriber number may appear first in the "Dependent" section of Form MA 1099-HC. Also, students and other dependents may be reported on the Form MA 1099-HC of the primary policyholder.

Line 3. Government-Subsidized Health Insurance

If you (and/or your spouse if married filing a joint return) have government-subsidized health insurance, such as Commonwealth Care, Medicare, MassHealth or Veterans Administration Program Enrollment, fill in the appropriate oval. Government-

subsidized health insurance is generally available to individuals who meet certain age, income or disability criteria.

"Other" includes government-administered plans such as: Fishing Partnership Health Plan; TRICARE; or Massachusetts Division of Unemployment Assistance Medical Security Program. If you filled in the "Other" oval, be sure to enter the name of the provider where indicated.

Note: Generally, employees or retirees of the federal, state or local government have private health insurance and should complete line 2.

Also, government-subsidized health insurance does **not** include services provided to individuals who have received access to care through the Health Safety Net Trust Fund (previously known as the "Uncompensated Care Pool" or "Free Care" Pool).

Important: Schedule HC is complete if you (and your spouse if married filing a joint return) answered Yes in line 1 and filled out the information in line 2 and/or line 3. Skip the remainder of Schedule HC and enter one of the following amounts in line 2a of Form 1 or line 4a of Form 1-NR/PY: \$4,125 if single or married filing a separate return; \$6,375 if head of household; or \$8,250 if married filing a joint return. Skip the remainder of Schedule HC and continue completing your Form 1 or Form 1-NR/PY.

Lines 4a through 6c only apply to taxpayers without health insurance.

If married filing a joint return and one spouse answered Yes in line 1 but the other spouse answered No in line 1, only the spouse who answered No must answer the following questions.

Line 4. Religious Exemption

Line 4a. A religious exemption is available for anyone who has a sincere religious belief that is the basis of refusal to obtain and maintain health insurance coverage. Fill in the Yes oval(s) if you (and/or your spouse if married filing a joint return) are claiming a religious exemption from the requirement to purchase health insurance based on your sincerely held religious beliefs.

If you (and/or your spouse if married filing a joint return) answer Yes, go to line 4b. If you (and your spouse if married filing a joint return) answer No, go to line 5.

Line 4b. If you (or your spouse if married filing a joint return) are claiming the religious exemption but you (or your spouse if married filing a joint return) received medical health care during tax year 2007, such as, treatment during an emergency room visit, you may not be entitled to your personal exemption if it is determined that you could have afforded health insurance.

Medical health care **excludes** certain treatments such as preventive dental care, certain eye examinations and vaccinations. It also excludes a physical examination when required by a third party, such as a prospective employer. For additional information, see Department of Revenue regulation 830 CMR 111M.2.1, Health Insurance Individual Mandate; Personal Income Tax Return Requirements, available on the department's website at www.mass.gov/dor.

If you (and your spouse if married filing a joint return) answer No to line 4b, enter one of the following amounts on line 2a of Form 1 or line 4a of Form 1-NR/PY: \$4,125 if single or married filing a separate return; \$6,375 if head of household; or \$8,250 if married filing a joint return. Skip the remainder of Schedule HC and continue completing your tax return.

If you are filing a joint return and one spouse either has health insurance or answers No to line 4b but the other spouse answers Yes to line 4b, the spouse who answered Yes must go to line 5.

If both answers are Yes to line 4b, go to line 5.

Line 5. Certificate of Exemption

The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority provided certificates of exemption to qualified taxpayers who applied in 2007.

If you (and your spouse if married filing a joint return) have a "Certificate of Exemption" issued by the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority stating that no Connector health plan is affordable, fill in the Yes oval(s) in line 5 of Schedule HC and enter the certificate number(s) in the space(s) provided. Also, enter one of the following amounts on line 2a of Form 1 or line 4a of Form 1-NR/PY: \$4,125 if single or married filing a separate return; \$6,375 if head of household; or \$8,250 if married filing a joint return. Skip the remainder of Schedule HC and continue completing your tax return.

If you are filing a joint return and one spouse answers Yes to line 5 but the other spouse answers No to line 5, the spouse who answered Yes must enter the certificate number and the spouse who answered No must go to line 6a.

If you (and your spouse if married filing a joint return) answered No to line 5, go to line 6a.

For more information about Certificates of Exemption, visit the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority's website at www.mahealthconnector.org.

Line 6. Affordability As Determined By State Guidelines

Taxpayers who did not have health insurance as of December 31, 2007 will only lose their personal exemption if they had access to affordable health insurance. The following pages contain the worksheets and tables to determine the monthly health insurance premium amount that you should have been able to afford. To complete these worksheets, you will need to have your completed 2007 U.S. Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ. You also will need to know how much it would have cost you to enroll in any health insurance plan offered by an employer in 2007. An employer's Human Resources Department should be able to provide this amount to you.

Note: Check out the easy-to-use online versions of the worksheets on DOR's website at www. mass.gov/dor.

If an employer offered health insurance, complete the Schedule HC Worksheet for Line 6a.

If an employer did not offer health insurance or offered health insurance that was not affordable for you (as determined by the Schedule HC Worksheet for Line 6a), complete the Schedule HC Worksheet for Lines 6b and 6c.

Even though you may be deemed able to afford health insurance based on an affordability table in line(s) 6a, 6b or 6c, you may believe that you cannot afford health insurance because you experienced a hardship. If you experienced a hardship during 2007, see Schedule HC-A.

Complete the Schedule HC worksheet(s) only if you (and/or your spouse if married filing a joint return) answered No to questions 1, 4a and 5 Schedule HC.

If married filing jointly and one spouse answers No to questions 1, 4a and 5, the spouse who answered No must complete the Schedule HC worksheet(s). In that instance, be sure to complete the worksheet using married filing jointly amounts.

Note: Same-sex spouses filing a Massachusetts joint return should combine their income figures from their separate U.S. returns.

Schedule HC Worksheet for Line 6a

Complete the following worksheet **only** if you (or your spouse if married filing jointly) were eligible for insurance offered by an employer in 2007 that covered you, and your spouse and dependent children, if any. This worksheet will determine if you could afford the health insurance offered by an employer in 2007. If an employer did **not** offer health insurance that covered you, and your spouse and dependent children, if any, or if you were not eligible for insurance offered by an employer, skip this worksheet and complete the Schedule HC Worksheet for Line 6b.

If an employer offers you free health insurance coverage (the employer's Human Resources Department should be able to provide this information to you), you are deemed able to afford health insurance and are subject to the loss of your personal exemption. Fill in the Yes oval in line 6a for yourself (and your spouse, if applicable, if married filing a joint return) and go to line 7b.

1. Enter your federal adjusted gross income (from U.S. Form 1040, line 37, Form 1040A, line 21 or Form 1040EZ, line 4). . . .

If line 1 is less than or equal to:

- \$15,315 if single or married filing a separate return;
- \$20,535 if married filing a joint return with no dependents; or
- \$25,755 if head of household or married filing a joint return with one or more dependents,

you are deemed unable to pay for health insurance. Fill in the No oval in line 6a for yourself (and your spouse, if applicable, if married filing a joint return). Also, skip the remainder of this worksheet and go to the following Schedule HC Worksheet for Lines 6b and 6c on page HC-5.

If line 1 is more than:

- \$50,000 if single or married filing a separate return;
- \$80,000 if married filing a joint return with no dependents; or
- \$110,000 if head of household or married filing a joint return with one or more dependents,

you are deemed able to afford health insurance and are subject to the loss of your personal exemption. Fill in the Yes oval in line 6a for yourself (and your spouse, if applicable, if married filing a joint return) and go to line 7b.

If line 1 is:

- more than \$15,315 but less than or equal to \$50,000 if single or married filing a separate return:
- more than \$20,535 but less than or equal to \$80,000 if married filing a joint return with no dependents; or
- more than \$25,755 but less than or equal to \$110,000 if head of household or married filing a joint return with one or more dependents,

go to line 2.

3. Enter the lowest monthly premium cost of health insurance that would cover you, and your spouse and dependent children, if any, offered to you in 2007 through an employer. The employer's Human Resources Department should be able to provide this amount to you

Note: If you declined employer sponsored health insurance, the monthly premium amount may be found on the Health Insurance Responsibility Disclosure Form (HIRD) you should have received from your employer.

If line 3 is less than or equal to line 2, you are deemed able to afford health insurance and are subject to the loss of your personal exemption. Fill in the Yes oval in line 6a for yourself (and your spouse, if applicable, if married filing a joint return) and go to line 7b.

If line 3 is greater than line 2, an employer did not offer you affordable health insurance. Fill in the No oval in line 6a for yourself (and your spouse, if applicable, if married filing a joint return) and complete the following Schedule HC Worksheet for Line 6b on page HC-5. **Note:** Same-sex spouses filing a Massachusetts joint return should combine their income figures from their separate U.S. returns.

Schedule HC Worksheet for Line 6b: Eligibility for Government-Subsidized Health Insurance

Complete the following worksheet only if an employer did not offer health insurance or did not offer health insurance that you could afford, as determined in the Schedule HC Worksheet for Line 6a. This worksheet will determine if you are eligible for government-subsidized health insurance or could not afford private health insurance.

- 1. Enter your income before adjustments (from U.S. Form 1040, line 22, Form 1040A, line 15 or Form 1040EZ, line 4)
- 2. Enter the amount from the Income column, based on your family size (do not include dependent children age 19 or older in your family size), from the table to the right . . .

If line 1 is greater than line 2, or

- you are not a citizen or an alien legally residing in the U.S., **or**
- an employer offers to pay more than 20% of a family plan or 33% of an individual plan (the employer's Human Resources Department should be able to provide this information to you), **or**
- you applied for MassHealth or Commonwealth Care in 2007 and were denied,

you are deemed ineligible for governmentsubsidized health insurance. Fill in the No oval in line 6b for yourself (and your spouse, if applicable, if married filing a joint return) and go to line 6c to determine if you are eligible for private health insurance.

If line 1 is less than or equal to line 2 and

- you are a citizen or an alien legally residing in the U.S. **and**
- an employer does **not** offer to pay more than 20% of a family plan or 33% of an individual plan (the employer's Human Resources Department should be able to provide this information to you).

you would have been deemed eligible for government-subsidized health insurance, which you did not obtain. You are subject to the loss of your personal exemption. Fill in the Yes oval in line 6b for yourself (and your spouse, if applicable, if married filing a joint return) and go to line 7b.

Table of Income at 300% of the Federal Poverty Level

Family size*	Income
1	\$ 30,636
2	\$ 41,076
3	\$ 51,516
4	\$ 61,956
5	\$ 72,396
6	\$ 82,836
7	\$ 93,276
8	\$103,716
9	\$114,156
10	\$124,596
11	\$135,036
12	\$145,476
13	\$155,916

*For family size over 13, add \$10,440 for each additional family member (do not include dependent children age 19 or older in your family size).

Schedule HC Worksheet for Line 6c: Affordability of Private Health Insurance

Complete the following worksheet only if you (or your spouse if married filing jointly) were deemed ineligible for government-subsidized health insurance, as determined in the Schedule HC Worksheet for Line 6b. This worksheet will determine if you could not afford private health insurance.

- 1. Enter your federal adjusted gross income (from U.S. Form 1040, line 37, Form 1040A, line 21 or Form 1040EZ, line 4)....
- 2. Enter the monthly premium that corresponds with your county of residency (see page HC-7 in the Schedule HC instructions if you do not know what county you live in), age (if married filing a joint return, use the age of the older spouse) and filing status from Table 2: Premiums on page HC-6.

If line 2 is less than or equal to line 3, you are deemed able to afford health insurance and are subject to the loss of your personal exemption. Fill in the Yes oval in line 6c for yourself (and your spouse, if applicable, if married filling a joint return) and go to line 7b.

If line 2 is greater than line 3, you are deemed unable to afford health insurance and not subject to the loss of your personal exemption. Fill in the No oval in line 6c for yourself (and your spouse, if applicable, if married filing a joint return) and enter one of the following amounts in line 2a of Form 1 or line 4a of Form 1-NR/PY: \$4,125 if single or married filing a separate return; \$6,375 if head of household; or \$8,250 if married filing a joint return. Continue completing your tax return.

Table 1: Affordability

Individual or married filing separately				
a. Federal adjusted gross income		b. Monthly premium		
From	То			
\$ 0	\$15,315	\$ 0		
\$15,316	\$20,420	\$ 35		
\$20,421	\$25,525	\$ 70		
\$25,526	\$30,630	\$105		
\$30,631	\$35,000	\$150		
\$35,001	\$40,000	\$200		
\$40,001	\$50,000	\$300		
\$50,001	Any individual with an annual income over \$50,000 is deemed to be able to afford health insurance.			

Married filing jointly (no dependents)				
a. Federal adjus	a. Federal adjusted gross income			
From	То			
\$ 0	\$20,535	\$ 0		
\$20,536	\$27,380	\$ 70		
\$27,381	\$34,225	\$140		
\$34,226	\$41,070	\$210		
\$41,071	\$50,000	\$270		
\$50,001	\$60,000	\$360		
\$60,001	\$80,000	\$500		
\$80,001	Any couple with an annual income over \$80,000 is deemed to be able to afford health insurance.			

Head of household or married filing jointly (1 or more dependents)				
a. Federal adjus	a. Federal adjusted gross income			
From	То			
\$ 0	\$ 25,755	\$ 0		
\$25,756	\$ 34,340	\$ 70		
\$34,341	\$ 42,925	\$140		
\$42,926	\$ 51,510	\$210		
\$51,511	\$ 70,000	\$320		
\$70,001	\$ 90,000	\$500		
\$90,001	\$110,000	\$720		
\$110,001	Any family with an annual income over \$110,000 is deemed to be able to afford health insurance.			

Table 2: Premiums

Region 1. Berkshire, Franklin and Hampshire Counties				
Age	Individual*	Married couple (no dependents)	Family**	
0-26	\$150	\$300	\$ 720	
27–29	\$210	\$420	\$ 720	
30-34	\$225	\$450	\$ 800	
35–39	\$240	\$480	\$ 820	
40-44	\$260	\$520	\$ 830	
45-49	\$285	\$570	\$ 830	
50-54	\$370	\$740	\$ 900	
55-59	\$380	\$760	\$1,030	
60+	\$380	\$760	\$1,240	

Region 2. Bristol, Essex, Hampden, Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk and **Worcester Counties**

Age	Individual*	Married couple (no dependents)	Family**
0–26	\$150	\$300	\$ 570
27–29	\$185	\$370	\$ 570
30-34	\$185	\$370	\$ 760
35–39	\$185	\$370	\$ 750
40-44	\$235	\$470	\$ 750
45-49	\$235	\$470	\$ 780
50-54	\$280	\$560	\$ 880
55-59	\$370	\$740	\$1,020
60+	\$370	\$740	\$1,130

Region 3. Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket and Plymouth Counties

Age	Individual*	Married couple (no dependents)	Family**	
0-26	\$150	\$300	\$ 750	
27–29	\$210	\$420	\$ 750	
30-34	\$220	\$440	\$ 800	
35–39	\$260	\$520	\$ 850	
40-44	\$300	\$600	\$ 820	
45-49	\$355	\$710	\$ 820	
50-54	\$410	\$820	\$ 890	
55-59	\$410	\$820	\$1,020	
60+	\$410	\$820	\$1,230	

^{*}Includes married filing separately.
**Head of household or married couple with dependent(s).

Important Health Insurance Information

Municipality	County	Municipality	County	Municipality	County	Municipality	County
Abington	Plymouth	Edgartown	Dukes	Medway	. Norfolk	Seekonk	Bristol
Acton		Egremont		Melrose		Sharon	
Acushnet		Erving	Franklin	Mendon		Sheffield	
Adams	Berkshire	Essex		Merrimac	. Essex	Shelburne	Franklin
Agawam		Everett		Methuen	. Essex	Sherborn	
Alford	Berkshire	Fairhaven	Bristol	Middleborough	. Plymouth	Shirley	Middlesex
Amesbury		Fall River	Bristol	Middlefield		Shrewsbury	
Amherst		Falmouth	Barnstable	Middleton		Shutesbury	
Andover	Essex	Fitchburg	Worcester	Milford	. Worcester	Somerset	Bristol
Arlington	Middlesex	Florida	Berkshire	Millbury	. Worcester	Somerville	Middlesex
Ashburnham	Worcester	Foxborough	Norfolk	Millis	. Norfolk	South Hadley	Hampshire
Ashby	Middlesex	Framingham	Middlesex	Millville	. Worcester	Southampton	Hampshire
Ashfield	Franklin	Franklin	Norfolk	Milton	. Norfolk	Southborough	Worcester
Ashland	Middlesex	Freetown	Bristol	Monroe	. Franklin	Southbridge	Worcester
Athol	Worcester	Gardner	Worcester	Monson	. Hampden	Southwick	Hampden
Attleboro		Gay Head	Dukes	Montague	. Franklin	Spencer	
Auburn	Worcester	Georgetown	Essex	Monterey	. Berkshire	Springfield	Hampden
Avon	Norfolk	Gill	Franklin	Montgomery	. Hampden	Sterling	Worcester
Ayer		Gloucester		Mount Washington	. Berkshire	Stockbridge	
Barnstable	Barnstable	Goshen	Hampshire	Nahant	. Essex	Stoneham	Middlesex
Barre		Gosnold	Dukes	Nantucket	. Nantucket	Stoughton	Norfolk
Becket		Grafton	Worcester	Natick		Stow	Middlesex
Bedford		Granby	Hampshire	Needham		Sturbridge	Worcester
Belchertown		Granville	Hampden	New Ashford		Sudbury	Middlesex
Bellingham		Great Barrington		New Bedford		Sunderland	
Belmont		Greenfield		New Braintree		Sutton	
Berkley		Groton		New Marlborough		Swampscott	
Berlin		Groveland		New Salem		Swansea	
Bernardston		Hadley		Newbury		Taunton	
Beverly		Halifax		Newburyport		Templeton	
Billerica		Hamilton		Newton		Tewksbury	
Blackstone		Hampden		Norfolk		Tisbury	
Blandford		Hancock		North Adams		Tolland	
Bolton		Hanover		North Andover		Topsfield	
Boston		Hanson		North Attleborough		Townsend	
Bourne		Hardwick		North Brookfield		Truro	
Boxborough		Harvard		North Reading		Tyngsborough	
Boxford		Harwich		Northampton		Tyringham	
Boylston		Hatfield		Northborough		Upton	
Braintree		Haverhill		Northbridge		Uxbridge	
Brewster		Hawley		Northfield		Wakefield	
Bridgewater		Heath		Norton		Wales	
Brimfield		Hingham		Norwell		Walpole	
Brockton		Hinsdale		Norwood		Waltham	
Brookfield		Holbrook		Oak Bluffs		Ware	
Brookline		Holden		Oakham		Wareham	
Buckland		Holland		Orange		Warren	
Burlington		Holliston		Orleans		Warwick	
Cambridge		Holyoke		Otis		Washington	
Canton		Hopedale		Oxford		Watertown	
Carlisle		Hopkinton		Palmer		Wayland	
Carver		Hubbardston		Paxton		Webster	
Charlemont		Hudson		Peabody		Wellesley	
Charlton		Hull Huntington		Pelham		Wellfleet	
				Pembroke		Wendell	
Chelmsford		lpswich		Pepperell		Wenham	
Chelsea		Kingston		Peru		West Boylston	
Cheshire		Lakeville		Petersham		•	,
Chester		Lancaster		Phillipston		West Brookfield	
Chesterfield		Lanesborough		Pittsfield		West Newbury	
Chilmark		Lawrence		Plainville		West Stockbridge	
Clarksburg		Leicester		Plymouth		West Tisbury	
Clinton		Lenox		Plympton		Westborough	
Cohasset		Leominster		Princeton		Westfield	
Colrain		Leverett		Provincetown		Westford	
Concord		Lexington		Quincy		Westhampton	
Conway		Leyden		Randolph		Westminster	
Cummington		Lincoln		Raynham		Weston	
Dalton		Littleton		Reading		Westport	
Danvers		Longmeadow		Rehoboth		Westwood	
Dartmouth		Lowell		Revere		Weymouth	
Dedham		Ludlow		Richmond		Whately	
Deerfield		Lunenburg		Rochester		Whitman	
Dennis		Lynn		Rockland		Wilbraham	
Dighton		Lynnfield		Rockport		Williamsburg	
Douglas		Malden		Rowe		Williamstown	
Dover		Manchester		Rowley		Wilmington	
Dracut		Mansfield		Royalston		Winchendon	
Dudley		Marblehead		Russell		Winchester	
Dunstable		Marion		Rutland		Windsor	
Duxbury		Marlborough		Salem		Winthrop	
		Marshfield		Salisbury		Woburn	
East Bridgewater				Sandisfield		Worcester	
East Bridgewater	Worcester	Mashpee	Darrisiable				
East Brookfield		Mashpee					
	Hampden	Mattapoisett	Plymouth	Sandwich	. Barnstable	Worthington	Hampshire
East Brookfield	Hampden Barnstable		Plymouth Middlesex	Sandwich	. Barnstable . Essex		Hampshire Norfolk